

# TRAINING, EDUCATION & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT COMMITTEE REPORT

## To: Commissioners of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

From: Joselyn López, Chair, Training, Education & Public Relations Committee and Commissioner, State of Wisconsin

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The Training, Education and Public Relations Committee is responsible for developing and enhancing educational resources and training materials for use by affected member states and stakeholders. In addition, the committee is responsible for enhancing public safety through awareness and consistent administration.

The committee continued its outreach efforts and training resources to support states in educating criminal justice professionals involved in Interstate Compact business, with some accomplishments highlighted below.

### **ICAOS Workshops**

Once again, ICAOS was provided a platform at the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) Winter and Annual Training Institutes. During the 2022 APPA Winter Training Institute in Atlanta, Georgia, the presentation focused on good transfer verification and documentation as well as the importance of communication. In August 2022, our in-person presentation "Successful Supervision Through Interstate Compact" highlighted eligibility criteria, the transfer process and how to successfully apply the compact rules and tools. Special thanks to DCA Suzanne Brooks (OH) and Training Coordinator Mindy Spring for their work and support during these presentations.

The Commission also had the pleasure to present at the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI) Annual Training Conference in May 2022 and to the National Association of Extradition Officials (NAEO) in June 2022. Commission members can find all of the resources and presentations of all the trainings on the <u>ICAOS Support site</u>.

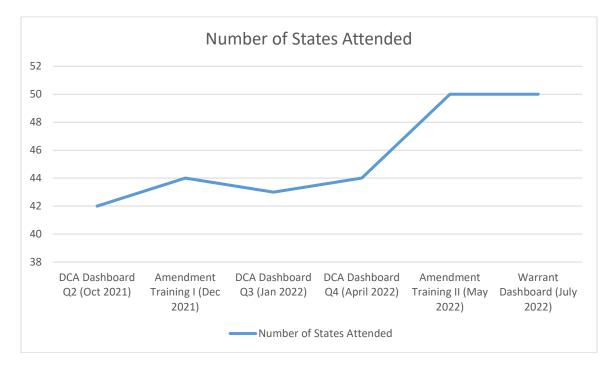
## National Website Updates:

- All ICAOS Rule modules were re-formatted with a new modern software prior to 2022 amendments going into effect. The ICOTS Privacy Policy was also updated after policy changes were approved in April. This year, learners from forty-seven states have taken advantage of the online trainings to compliment state's training efforts on the rules and ICOTS.
- The <u>eligibility worksheet</u> was converted as an online form to aid clients and clients' family with determining eligibility for transfer of supervision.
- Navigating the Compact and frequently asked questions will be updated later this year to improve accessibility of information and will include a section to aid client and clients' family with determining eligibility for transfer of supervision.

## National Compact Staff training

Training Coordinator Mindy Spring delivered several compact staff trainings throughout the year covering the following updates and new ICOTS features:

- DCA Dashboard Q2 (Oct 2021): Retaking Management and clean-up of the 'Awaiting Retaking Report'
- Amendment Training I (Dec 2021): Review of the Rules Amendments and ICOTS Enhancements passed at the 2021 ABM.
- DCA Dashboard Q3 (Jan 2022): Junk offender and rejected cases dashboards for data clean-up.
- DCA Dashboard Q4 (April 2022): User administration dashboard training, introduced new 'hard bounce' tool available to ICOTS administrators, ICOTS privacy policy changes and FY23 compliance audit preparations.
- Amendment Training II (May 2022): 2022 Approved ICOTS enhancements for warrant status, discretionary retaking activity, offender management restrictions launched into ICOTS June 1<sup>st</sup>. Session also included presentation of the new 'tolled cases' dashboard.
- New Warrant Dashboard (July 2022): Report training and ABM discussion preparation (decriminalization, state's use of tolling feature, victim impact, FY22 Rejection Assessment)



The chart below showcases the increased support from the members of the Commission:

### **Identified goals for 2023**

- 1. Expand our outreach to stakeholders and other organizations to increase education on the mission of the compact.
- 2. Increase training opportunities and resources for our stakeholders

I want to thank our committee members for their increased collaboration and ongoing support this year. We asked for further involvement and we received great support, feedback, and partnership from all of you. We also appreciate the support from the staff at the national office, without all of your extra hands we would not have met all the goals this year. Thank you for all you do to support our mission.

If you have a desire to help build on our training, education, and outreach, please consider joining us next year and share our resources! Thank you to all Commission members for your attention and continuous support to the efforts of the Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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